

Forms and Instruments of Autocracy Promotion¹

(working draft)

Policy fields	Logic of influence/ mechanism	Question	Instruments
International monitoring	Legitimation (external)	To what extent and how do observation missions support authoritarian regimes symbolically (in order to encourage them)	1.1 Election observation/- Assessment/Recognition
			1.2 Observation of other political processes
Development policy	Aid (technical/ financial)	To what extent and in what form does development cooperation aim at strengthening of authoritarian structures and forces?	2.1 Political institutions/ government consulting
			2.2 Political actors (non-democratic parties)
			2.2. Support of anti-democratic NGOs
Diplomacy	Protection (international/ political)	To what extent and in what form do authoritarian clients (states/regimes) be protected against sanctions of Western democracy promoters or be confirmed/encouraged in their “originality”?	3.1 Public statements on political processes
			3.2 Opposition to international sanctions
			3.3 Regime-supporting statements in bilateral documents
International cooperation	Incentive (material)	To what extent do the political conditionalities of Western democracy promoters be undermined through international cooperation or authoritarian tendencies be supported?	4.1 Political cooperation
			4.2 Military and security cooperation
			4.3 Economic cooperation
Military action	Coercion (physical)	To what extent does the use of physical (military) force aim at establishment/support of an authoritarian rule or at overthrowing a democratic government?	5. Military intervention
Intelligence operation	Subversion (subtle)	To what extent do secret service activities aim at strengthening anti-democratic forces or at overthrowing a democratic government?	6.1. Covert financing of local target groups 6.2. Support of underground organizations 6.3. Terror, sabotage

¹ The schema is mainly based on classification criteria of democracy promotion developed in the PRIF project „The Promotion of Democracy as a Risk Strategy”.

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